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State of Connecticut Legislative Office Holders Labor Committee

To Members of the Labor Committee:

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I am writing to voice my opposition to Senate Bill #63, regarding mandatory paid sick leave. I own a small manufacturing company in Connecticut and am struggling to stay profitable. We provide well paying jobs for our skilled workers. We still offer a standard benefits package with a very generous vacation policy. We do not offer paid sick days because in the past, they were abused.

If passed, your bill has the potential to add another \$22,000 to our annual payroll. That is unproductive time. That same \$22,000 could pay for a new entry level employee. One that we will not be able to hire because of the increased costs added to our bottom line.

This is a time when our legislators should be looking to grow jobs in this state, not adding costs to small businesses, where historically, all new private sector jobs are created. Please stop making it difficult to run a business in Connecticut.

Sincerely,

John Rohlfs President